

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed the Application in light of the Office Action dated October 10, 2007. At the time of the Office Action, Claims 1-41 were pending. The Examiner rejects Claims 2-5, 10-12, 14, 21, 22, 28-32, and 37-41. Claims 7, 9, 15-17, 23-27, and 33-36 are objected to. Applicants previously canceled Claims 1, 6, and 8. Applicant amends Claims 13, 18, 25, 30, 34-37, and 40 and cancels Claims 7, 15, 26, and 33, without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant's amendments and cancellations have been made to advance prosecution of this case and not to overcome the cited references. Applicant adds new claims 42-43, which are fully supported by the originally-filed specification of the present Application. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the pending claims and favorable action in this case.

Section 101 Rejection

The Examiner rejects Claims 30-36 under 35 U.S.C. § 101. *Office Action*, p. 2. Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 30-36 are directed to statutory subject matter. A person of ordinary skill in the art would appreciate that "[l]ogic encoded in media for providing a general purpose computing platform at a router on a network," as recited in Claim 30, is not physical "transmission media" as suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of Claim 30 and its dependent claims.

Section 102 Rejection

The Examiner rejects Claims 13 and 18-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,922,774 issued to Meushaw et al. (hereinafter "*Meushaw*"). "A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." *Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California*, 2 U.S.P.Q.2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987); M.P.E.P. § 2131.

To advance prosecution of this application, Applicant incorporates the limitations of objected to Claim 15 into independent Claim 13 and incorporates the limitations of objected

to Claim 26 into independent Claim 18. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of independent Claims 13 and 18 along with their dependents.

Section 103 Rejection

The Examiner rejects Claims 2-5, 10-12, 14, 21-22, 28-32, and 37-41 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Meushaw* in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0088708 issued to Lewallen (hereinafter "*Lewallen*"). Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this rejection of the above-mentioned claims.

To advance prosecution of this application, Applicant incorporates the limitations of objected to Claim 7 into independent Claims 37 and 40 and incorporates the limitations of objected to Claim 33 into independent Claim 30. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of independent Claims 30, 37, and 40 along with their dependents.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication that Claims 7, 9, 15-17, 23-27, and 33-36 are allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the features of the base claim and any intervening claims. *Office Action*, p. 8. As discussed above, Applicant incorporates the limitations of objected to Claim 7 into independent Claims 37 and 40 and cancels Claim 7. Claim 9 is a dependent claim of allowable, independent Claim 40. Applicant incorporates the limitations of objected to Claim 15 into independent Claim 13 and cancels Claim 15. Claims 16-17 are dependent claims of allowable, independent Claim 13. Applicant incorporates the limitations of objected to Claim 26 into independent Claim 18 and cancels Claim 26. Claims 23-25 and 27 are dependent claims of allowable, independent Claim 18. Applicant incorporates the limitations of objected to Claim 33 into independent Claim 30 and cancels Claim 33. Claims 34-36 are dependent claims of allowable, independent Claim 30. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of Claims 9, 13, 16-18, 23-25, 27, 30, 34-36, 37, and 40.

New Claims

Applicant adds new Claims 42-43, which are fully supported by the specification of the present Application as originally filed. Claim 42 is objected to Claim 9 written in independent form. Claim 43 is objected to Claim 25 written in independent form. Therefore, Claims 42-43 are allowable. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests consideration and allowance of Claims 42-43.

CONCLUSION

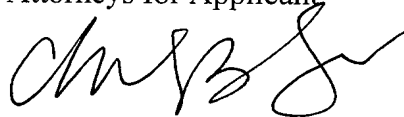
Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge \$210.00 to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P. for an additional independent claim. Applicant believes no other fee is due; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee or credit to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

If there are matters that can be discussed by telephone to advance prosecution of this application, Applicant invites the Examiner to contact its attorney, Christa Brown-Sanford, at (214) 953-6824.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Christa Brown-Sanford', is written over the printed name.

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